

CALIFORNIA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. **Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.**

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)	
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §	
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.	
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.) a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____ b. SEX c. RACE _____ d. DATE OF BIRTH _____ e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card) _____ M M D D Y Y _____	
2. I LAST VOTED OR PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.) a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP _____ c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known) _____ _____	
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.) a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY _____ M M D D Y Y _____ b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box) _____ c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ d. STATE _____ e. COUNTY OR PARISH _____ f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known) _____	
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.) _____	
6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.) _____	
7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.) _____ _____ _____	
8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT X only one: a, b, c or d I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions) a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S. c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent. d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement. f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated. g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. h. The information on this form is true and complete. i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ j. DATE _____ M M D D Y Y _____	
9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law) DATE SIGNED _____ M M D D Y Y _____	

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. **You must complete all shaded areas.**

A. Do not leave blank. Enter "N/A" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

B. Provide the complete street address of your California voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

C. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

D. If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections. You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot (Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "none" in Item 6 of the FPCA. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation or you have previously declined to indicate a political party affiliation you must submit a completed FPCA which includes your new political party affiliation to the local election official not later than 29 days before the election. All properly registered voters may vote for any candidate of their choice for each office at any primary election regardless of political party affiliation.

E. Check ONE box.

F. The applicant must sign and date the FPCA for it to be processed by the local election official.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of California and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. When To Do It

A single FPCA may be used to request both primary and general election absentee ballots in a calendar year (for local, state and Federal offices).

(1) **If you are unregistered**, complete and sign the FPCA and return it to the county election official. It must be received not later than 29 days before the election.

If you are already registered, you may use the FPCA form or submit a letter to the county election official to request a full ballot (local, state, Federal offices). Your request must be received not later than 7 days before the election.

If you send a letter, you must provide your name as registered, voting residence address, address to which the absentee ballot should be sent, and the name and date of the election. You must sign and date the letter.

(2) Return your voted ballot so that it arrives at the county elections office by the close of polls (8:00 p.m.) on election day.

Local election officials begin mailing ballots approximately 29 days before the election.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

C. Oath/Witness Requirements

No registration or voting materials are sworn to or witnessed. Voter registration affidavits are signed under penalty of perjury.

D. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- California allows you to send the FPCA application for registration and absentee ballot by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
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Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. **Use only the following numbers:**

DSN 223-5527

(703) 693-5527

1-800-368-8683

E. Special Write-in Absentee Ballot

California provides a state special absentee voter ballot if you cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period because of military or other contingencies which preclude normal mail delivery. This ballot is available 60 days before the election to both registered voters and citizens eligible to vote but not yet registered.

To request this special ballot, place one of the special absentee labels from Section III.G in Item 7 of the FPCA. You must state the reason(s) why you cannot vote using normal mail delivery. If no labels are available, write in Item 7: "I cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period due to military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. {Specify reason(s).} I request a special absentee ballot."

The elections official will provide a list of all the candidates qualified by the 60th day before the election as well as the measures to be voted on. You vote the ballot by writing in the names of the candidates you select.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of California or overseas citizens. The term “overseas citizen(s)” means a United States citizen who resides outside the United States and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in California.

- California residents temporarily residing outside the U.S (for ballots for local, state and Federal offices)

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons who are not U.S. citizens, are not 18 years of age, are currently imprisoned or on parole for a felony conviction or persons judged mentally incompetent, may not register or vote.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is permanent only when a state Affidavit of Registration is filed with the county elections official. It can be cancelled for specified reasons, including a change of residence address.

C. Action on Registration Request

When the FPCA is used for registration, notice of acceptance or denial is sent by the elections official.

D. Action If Registration Is Denied

Any person notified that registration has been denied should correct all deficiencies and resubmit the request. If a second denial is received, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

E. Late Registration

(1) If a **registered** voter is unable to appear at his/her polling place because of being recalled to service after the final day for applying for an absentee voter's ballot, but before 5 p.m. on the day before the election, he/she may appear before the elections official and apply for an absentee ballot. The ballot may be voted at the official's office or elsewhere and returned before the close of the polls on election day.

(2) Discharged military personnel and civilians outside the U.S. who return to their county of residence following the close of the registration period for the upcoming election may apply in person to the elections official for permission to register and vote in the election. You must provide documentary proof that your release was after the registration closing date.

F. Where To Send It

Mail FPCA to the voting official in your county of voting residence as listed below.

County	Address	Zip Code
Alameda	Registrar of Voters 1225 Fallon St., Room G1 Oakland, CA	94612-4283

County	Address	Zip Code
Alpine	County Clerk PO Box 158 Markleeville, CA	96120-0158
Amador	County Clerk 500 Argonaut Lane Jackson, CA	95642-2396
Butte	County Clerk 25 County Center Dr. Oroville, CA	95965-3375
Calaveras	County Clerk Government Center San Andreas, CA	95249-9709
Colusa	County Clerk 546 Jay St. Colusa, CA	95932-2443
Contra Costa	County Clerk PO Box 271 Martinez, CA	94553-0027
Del Norte	County Clerk 450 H St., Rm. 182 Crescent City, CA	95531-4028
El Dorado	Registrar of Voters 360 Fair Lane Placerville, CA	95667-8001
Fresno	County Clerk 2221 Kern St. Fresno, CA	93721-2600
Glenn	County Clerk 516 W. Sycamore St. Willows, CA	95988-0391
Humboldt	County Clerk 3033 H St. Eureka, CA	95501-4483
Imperial	County Clerk Courthouse, 940 W. Main St., Rm.202 El Centro, CA	92243-2857
Inyo	County Clerk P.O. Drawer F Independence, CA	93526-0606
Kern	County Clerk Elections Office 1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA	93301-4639
Kings	County Clerk Government Center 1400 W. Lacey Blvd. Hanford, CA	93230-5997
Lake	County Clerk 255 N. Forbes St. Lakeport, CA	95453-4748
Lassen	County Clerk 220 S. Lassen St. Susanville, CA	96130-4397
Los Angeles	Registrar of Voters 12400 Imperial Highway Norwalk, CA	90650-8350
Madera	County Clerk 209 W. Yosemite Ave. Madera, CA	93637-3596
Marin	County Clerk P.O. Box E San Rafael, CA	94913-3904
Mariposa	County Clerk Hall of Records, PO Box 247 Mariposa, CA	95338-0247
Mendocino	County Clerk 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020 Ukiah, CA	95482-0148
Merced	County Clerk 2222 M St., Rm. 14 Merced, CA	95340-3780
Modoc	County Clerk PO Box 130 Alturas, CA	96101-0131
Mono	County Clerk PO Box 237 Bridgeport, CA	93517-0237
Monterey	Registrar of Voters P.O. Box 1848 Salinas, CA	93901-1848
Napa	County Clerk 900 Coombs St., Room 256 Napa, CA	94559-2946
Nevada	County Clerk 10433 Willow Valley Road, Suite E Nevada City, CA	95959-2347
Orange	Registrar of Voters PO Box 11298 Santa Ana, CA	92711-1298

County	Address	Zip Code	County	Address	Zip Code
Placer	County Clerk P.O. Box 5278 Auburn, CA	95604-5278	Shasta	County Clerk P.O. Box 990880 Redding, CA	96099-0880
Plumas	County Clerk PO Box 10207 Quincy, CA	95971-6006	Sierra	County Clerk PO Drawer D Downieville, CA	95936-0398
Riverside	Registrar of Voters 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA	92507-0918	Siskiyou	County Clerk PO Box 338 Yreka, CA	96097-0338
Sacramento	Registrar of Voters 3700 Branch Center Rd. Sacramento, CA	95827-3892	Solano	Registrar of Voters 510 Clay Street Fairfield, CA	94533-0609
San Benito	County Clerk Court House, Rm 206 440 Fifth St. Hollister, CA	95023-3843	Sonoma	County Clerk PO Box 11485 Santa Rosa, CA	95406-1485
San Bernardino	Registrar of Voters 777 E. Rialto Ave. San Bernardino, CA	92415-0770	Stanislaus	County Clerk 1021 "I" Street, Suite 101 Modesto, CA	95354-2331
San Diego	Registrar of Voters P.O.Box 85656 San Diego, CA	92186-5656	Sutter	County Clerk 433 Second Street Yuba City, CA	95991-5595
San Francisco	Registrar of Voters #1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place, Room 48 San Francisco, CA	94102-4635	Tehama	County Clerk PO Box 250 Red Bluff, CA	96080-0250
San Joaquin	Registrar of Voters PO Box 810 Stockton, CA	95201-0810	Trinity	County Clerk PO Box 1258 Weaverville, CA	96093-1258
San Luis Obispo	County Clerk 1144 Monterey St., Suite A San Luis Obispo, CA	93408-3237	Tulare	County Registrar of Voters 221 S Mooney Blvd., Room G-28 Visalia, CA	93291-9910
San Mateo	County Clerk - Registrar 40 Tower Rd. San Mateo, CA	94402-4098	Tuolumne	County Clerk Administration Center 2 S. Green St. Sonoma, CA	95370-4696
Santa Barbara	County Clerk PO Box 159 Santa Barbara, CA	93102-0159	Ventura	County Clerk 800 S. Victoria Ave., L-1200 Ventura, CA	93009-1200
Santa Clara	Registrar of Voters PO Box 1147 San Jose, CA	95108-1147	Yolo	County Clerk PO Box 1820 Woodland, CA	95776-1820
Santa Cruz	County Clerk County Clerk & Recorder 701 Ocean St., Rm. 210 Santa Cruz, CA	95060-4076	Yuba	County Clerk Courthouse 935 14th Street Marysville, CA	95901-5793

“The Future Counts On Your Vote!”

by SrA Keith Michael Kelchen, Beale AFB, California

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